

Thursday, May 30, 2002

STS-111 launch to be covered on NASA TV, KSC Direct! Webcast



BEST plans BBQ for employees June 21



▲ **Mission Update:** STS-111 is on schedule for launch this evening. NASA Television live launch programming and commentary will begin about 3 hours prior to launch. KSC Direct! Live webcast begins about 2 hours before launch. Viewers will see informative programming highlighting the objectives of mission STS-111, as well as the crew and payloads. During the program, featured guests will answer questions submitted to the KSC Direct! Question Board from space enthusiasts around the world. The KSC Direct! home page is at <http://www.ksc.nasa.gov/KSCDirect/index.htm>.

▲ **BEST Barbecue** – The Black Employee Strategy Team will host a BBQ at KARS II on Friday, June 21, for *all* KSC/CCAFS employees. Food will be served from 3 to 6 p.m. *Tickets must be purchased by June 7!* Good food, plenty of fun, great entertainment (including a steel drum performance), awesome prizes! If this sounds good, then bring friends and co-workers and join us for summer fun at the BEST BBQ. Get tickets early because **tickets are limited and will not be sold on the day of the event**. For more information or tickets, please e-mail *Stacie.Smith-1@ksc.nasa.gov*, or call 867-5298.

◆ **Recycle KSC Telephone Books** — Start by removing the front and back covers of the book and place all colored pages in your office trash container. Place all white pages in the outgoing recycle box. Recycling saves resources — products made with old phone books include paper egg cartons, paper packing material, envelopes, newsprint, paper towels and tissue products, animal bedding, and paper for new phone books. If you have any other questions about recycling old phone books, please contact Alice Smith at 867-8454 or Hien Nguyen at 867-8455.



◆ **Hurricane Season Starts Saturday** — When a hurricane condition is announced, be pro-active and follow these steps:

- Frequently listen to radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio for official bulletins or the storm's progress.
- Check EOC web site for Center Status: <http://ksc-eoc.ksc.nasa.gov/>.
- Review the Spaceport Consolidated Hurricane Plan: <https://tdksc.ksc.nasa.gov/servlet/dm.web.Fetch/JDP-KSC-P-3006.pdf?gid=12314>.
- Fuel and service family vehicles.
- Inspect and secure mobile home tie-downs.
- Bring in patio furniture; pick up outside debris, trash cans, lawn decorations, etc.
- Have extra cash on hand.
- Prepare to cover windows and doors with shutters.
- Check batteries; stock up on canned food and water.
- Have a first aid kit available; the family auto is a good place to keep one.
- Know where you and your family are going—don't forget address book with phone numbers.
- Have enough prescription medication.
- Don't forget to charge cell phones and have a car charger.

For duty status and emergency information for the Spaceport, call 861-7900.



◆ **Did You Know? Commemorative t-shirts** for Environmental and Energy Awareness Week 2002, held in April of this year, are *still available* in the HQ and OSB Exchange Stores. The t-shirts range from sizes S to XXXL and start around \$12.95. Don't forget to pick up your t-shirt!

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Deadlines: 10 a.m. the day before. Send information, comments or questions to:

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